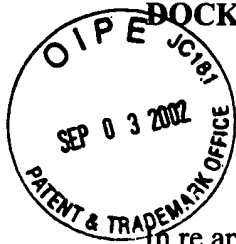


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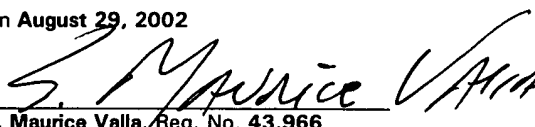
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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2002, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended, without prejudice, as follows.

***In the Claims:***

Please amend Claims 100 and 127 to read as follows:

100. (Three times amended) A formulation for therapeutic or diagnostic use comprising targeted gas-filled vesicles which comprise one or more membranes encapsulating an